REFERENCE TITLE: teacher certification; proficiency exam reciprocity

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Introduced by

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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 15-533, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO SCHOOL TEACHERS.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona: Section 1. Section 15-533, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

15-533. <u>Proficiency examination</u>

A. To qualify for either a basic or standard teaching certificate, or equivalent certificate later adopted by the state board of education, a person must pass each component of the proficiency examination developed and administered by the state board of education. The proficiency examination shall consist of only a professional knowledge test and a subject knowledge test. A person is not required to take a component of the examination if the person has passed a component on a proficiency examination which has been adopted by a state board of education or equivalent agency in another state and which has been determined to be equivalent to the applicable component on the examination prescribed in this section by the state board of education in this state. The state board of education may grant a basic or standard teaching certificate for not to exceed one year to a teacher who is a nonresident and who has not met the requirement of this section at the time of application.

B. A person is not required to pass the proficiency examination or the equivalent examination more than once, except that a person who passed the examination DEVELOPED AND ADMINISTERED IN THIS STATE BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION seven or more years before qualifying to teach in this state is required to repass the examination. A PERSON WHO PASSED A PROFICIENCY EXAMINATION ADOPTED BY A STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION OR EQUIVALENT AGENCY IN ANOTHER STATE SEVEN OR MORE YEARS BEFORE QUALIFYING TO TEACH IN THIS STATE IS NOT REQUIRED TO PASS THE PROFICIENCY EXAMINATION DEVELOPED AND ADMINISTERED IN THIS STATE BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

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